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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,10,11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1,3-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakayama(US 2003/0014652).

Claim 1: Nakayama disclose an encrypted copyright medium for sale and a copyright medium identification identification database storing a copyright medium unique identification database for use in uniquely identifying the copyright medium and a cipher key database in (fig.1 and page 1[0012]). Nakayama disclose a recording medium data reading/writing device for writing data into recording medium in (fig.1 and page 2[0043]). Nakayama disclose a fingerprint authentication device for collating and identifying fingerprint data of a purchase of copyright medium (fig.4) wherein data is read from copyright medium identification database to write the copyright medium unique identification database and the cipher key database into recording medium using recording medium data reading/writing device in (page 2,[0037]). Nakayama disclose fingerprint data of the purchaser of copyright medium is read using fingerprint authentication device and fingerprint data of the purchaser, the copyright medium unique identification data, and the cipher keys are written into recording medium using recording medium data reading/writing device in (page 4 [0087-0088]).

Claim 3: Nakayama disclose an encrypted copyright medium for sale and a copyright medium identification identification database storing a copyright medium unique identification database for use in

uniquely identifying the copyright medium and a cipher key database in (fig.1 and page 1[0012]).

Nakayama disclose a recording medium data reading/writing device for writing data into recording medium in (fig.1 and page 2[0043]). Nakayama disclose a fingerprint authentication device for collating and identifying fingerprint data of a purchase of copyright medium (fig.4). Nakayama disclose an image/sound reproducer wherein data is loaded from copyright medium and recording medium into copyright medium reproducing device and a fingerprint of the purchaser of the copyright medium is read using fingerprint authentication device(page 2, [0037]) and collated with purchaser's fingerprint data of the purchaser recorded in recording medium and if the fingerprint of the purchaser and the fingerprint data of the purchaser match, encrypted data in copyright medium is decoded and reproduced by image/sound reproducer in (page 4, [0087]).

Claim 4: Nakayama disclose an encrypted copyright medium for sale and a copyright medium identification identification database storing a copyright medium unique identification database for use in uniquely identifying the copyright medium and a cipher key database in (fig.1 and page 1[0012]). Nakayama disclose a recording medium data reading/writing device for writing data into recording medium in (fig.1 and page 2[0043]). Nakayama disclose a fingerprint authentication device for collating and identifying fingerprint data of a purchase of copyright medium (fig.4). Nakayama disclose an image/sound reproducer wherein data is loaded from copyright medium and recording medium into copyright medium reproducing device and a fingerprint of the purchaser of the copyright medium is read using fingerprint authentication device(page 2, [0037]) and collated with purchaser's fingerprint data of the purchaser recorded in recording medium and if the fingerprint of the purchaser and the fingerprint data of the purchaser match, encrypted data in copyright medium is decoded and reproduced by image/sound reproducer or copied after transferring the copyright medium unique identification database and the cipher key database to another copyright medium reproducing,copying device in (page 4, [0087-0088]).

Claim 8: Nakayama disclose a recording medium into which cipher key data decoding encrypted digital data and fingerprint data of a purchaser of the encrypted digital data are written when the purchaser is purchasing the encrypted digital data in (page 1, [0011]; page 4,[0072]). Nakayama disclose a fingerprint authentication device for reading, collating, and identifying fingerprint data of a person who is to reproduce the encrypted digital data and the fingerprint data of the purchaser recorded in the recording medium, and for authorizing decoding of the encrypted digital data using the cipher key data when reproducing the encrypted digital data in (page 2, [0037]).

Claims 5,6,7,9: Nakayama disclose recording medium is smart card in (col.fig.1 and page 2, [0037]).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2,10,11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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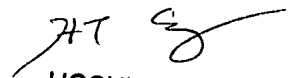
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